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HEALTH FACILITIES & SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

Ms. Courtney Avery Administrator Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson, Second Floor Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Valley Ambulatory Surgery Center, St. Charles (Project 17-057)

Dear Ms. Avery:

The St. Charles Chamber of Commerce <u>supports</u> this Certificate of Need application of Valley Ambulatory Surgery Center, L.P.'s ("VASC") to enable it to relocate to a new building in St. Charles with modern, state-of-the-art design and an improved clinical environment for patients and staff. VASC has been an upstanding member of the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce and, we believe, a valued asset in our community.

Since 1987, VASC has provided outpatient surgical procedures in St. Charles from the same building. The existing facility is in need of many repairs and has serious design deficiencies; by contrast, the new facility will be compliant with current ADA and NFPA (fire safety) codes and best practices, and will feature a more cost-efficient layout with new mechanical and electrical systems.

For 30 years, VASC has served the residents of the St. Charles community, and the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce supports its efforts to offer a modern and efficient facility that is consistent with current codes and best practices.

Respectfully,

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